

I. Listing of Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement in a motor vehicle having at least a first vehicle seat and a second vehicle seat positioned adjacent one another to provide side-impact protection for ~~[[the]]~~ an occupant of one of the vehicle seats, the air-bag arrangement comprising: two air-bag units provided for at least the one of the vehicle seats; the two air-bag units including a first air-bag unit containing an inboard air-bag to be deployed to occupy a space on an inboard side of the one of the vehicle seats ~~[[seat]]~~ and a second air-bag unit containing an outboard air-bag to be deployed to occupy a space on an outboard side of the one of the vehicle seats ~~[[seat]]~~, a sensor and control arrangement connected to the first and second air-bag units, the sensor and control arrangement configured to sense a side impact of the vehicle and to determine which side of the vehicle has been impacted, and to generate actuation signals capable of actuating only one of the first ~~[[or]]~~ and second air-bag ~~[[unit]]~~ units that is closest to the point of impact.

2. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 ~~claim 1~~, ~~further comprising~~ wherein both the first and second vehicle seats each have the two air-bag units, the sensor and control arrangement is configured to generate actuation signals capable of actuating only the one of the first ~~[[or]]~~ and second air-bag units ~~[[unit]]~~ closest to the point of impact for each of the vehicle seats ~~associated with first and the second seats closest to the point of impact.~~

3. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein at least one of the first ~~[[or]]~~ and second vehicle seats is provided with a sensor to sense the presence of ~~[[an]]~~ the occupant in the vehicle seat, the sensor enabling actuation of at least one of the first ~~[[or]]~~ and second air-bag units associated with the vehicle seat in response to the actuation ~~signal~~ signals from the sensor and control ~~[[unit]]~~ arrangement.

4. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein at least one of the first ~~[[or]]~~ and second air-bag units is mounted in ~~[[the]]~~ a back-rest of the one of the vehicle seats ~~[[seat]]~~.

5. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 4 wherein the first air-bag unit is mounted in the back-rest of the one of the vehicle seats and is on the inboard side of the one of the vehicle seats ~~[[seat]]~~.

6. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 4 wherein both the first and ~~[[the]]~~ second air-bag units are mounted in the back-rest of the one of the vehicle seats ~~[[seat]]~~.

7. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein at least one of the first ~~or the~~ and second air-bag units ~~associated~~ is mounted in an adjacent pillar of the motor vehicle.

8. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1 wherein at least one of the first ~~[[or]]~~ and second vehicle seats is provided with a three-point safety-belt.

9. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 8 wherein the three-point safety-belt is provided with a pretensioner.

10. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 1~~[[,]]~~ wherein the inboard side of the one of the vehicle seats ~~[[seat]]~~ is associated with a support element, the support element being configured to extend inboard of the inflated inboard air-bag of the first air-bag unit so as to provide lateral support to at least part of the inflated inboard air-bag.

11. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 10~~[[,]]~~ wherein the support element is mounted to the same vehicle seat as the inboard air-bag that it supports.

12. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 10~~[[,]]~~ wherein the support element is moveable relative to the one of the vehicle seats upon actuation of the inboard air-bag ~~on the inboard side of the seat~~, from an initial position to ~~[[an]]~~ a first operative position, the inboard airbag being configured to extend to ~~[[an]]~~ a second operative position when deployed, the support element in the first operative position extending ~~being configured to extend~~ inboard of the inflated inboard airbag when deployed to ~~[[in]]~~ the second operative position.

13. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 12[[],] wherein the support element is resiliently deformable and configured, when in the first operative position, to yield relative to the one of the vehicle seats under a force exerted thereon by the weight of the occupant of the one of the vehicle seats [[seat]] during the side in an impact, thereby absorbing energy.

14. (Currently Amended) An air-bag arrangement according to Claim 12[[],] wherein the support element is configured to move from the initial position to the first operative position in a generally forward direction relative to a [[the]] back-rest of the one of the vehicle seats.